

Gabriella Ghermandi

Queen of Flowers and Pearls



Thursday, October 16, 2025, 5 – 6:30 PM
Charles B. Wang Center, Lecture Hall 1

Based on Gabriella Ghermandi's acclaimed novel *Regina di Fiori e di perle* (*Queen of Flowers and Pearls*), this narrative talk begins with the Ethiopian culture of storytelling, and continues the journey over time from Ethiopia to Italy. This event centers stories of Ethiopian resistance in the struggle against Italian colonial expansion under Fascism, and features readings, monologues, and songs performed by Ghermandi.

Gabriella Ghermandi is a singer, performer, novelist and short-story writer, who uses storytelling and live performance to reach diverse audiences and foster mutual empathy. She was born and raised in Addis Ababa to an Italian father and Ethiopian mother. She later relocated to Bologna, Italy. Ghermandi is also the creator and lead singer of The Atse Tewodros Project, an artistic collaboration between Ethiopian and Italian musicians.

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